

the dispenser recited in Claim 1, which is shown generically in Figure 6A, for example. One example of a modulator is an attenuator. One example of an attenuator is shown in Figure 7, however, there are numerous other methods of introducing loss (attenuation) into the filters of the present invention, including the use of bend radius (Figure 10A). All of the claims are believed to include the dispenser, modulator and combiner features illustrated generically in Figure 6A, and are believed to be readable thereon. Other Figures noted in the restriction requirement are described in the specification as illustrating specific embodiments or combinations of elements that can be used in conjunction with the system illustrated in Figure 6A.

Amendments to the Drawings:

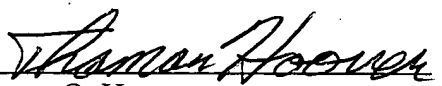
Figs. 6B, 6C, 11A, 11B, 12C and 12E are being amended as recommended by the Examiner in the Office Action dated July 8, 2004. Amendments to Figs. 6B, 6C, 11A, 11B, 12C and 12E are indicated on the attached Annotated Sheets of drawings.

The attached Replacement Sheet of drawings includes changes to Figs. 6B, 6C, 11A, 11B, 12C and 12E. The Replacement Sheets replaces original Figs. 6B, 6C, 11A, 11B, 12C and 12E. Figs. 7, 12A, 12B and 12D included on the Replacement Sheets are not currently being amended. No new subject matter is being introduced.

Acceptance of the replacement drawings is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone call would expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (508) 416-2475.

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